

# TOWN OF LA POINTE

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**Regular Town Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012**  
**5:30 pm At Town Hall**

**Called to order at 5:34 PM**

**Present: Nick Nelson, Jim Patterson, Greg Nelson, Larry Whalen**

**Staff present: Pete Clark, Keith Sowl**

**Public Present: Dave Thomas, Lois Carlson**

## **I. Public Comment A\* None**

Motion to move to item III followed by item IV. JP/LW 4A MC

## **II. Town Administrator's Report**

### **III. Bad River Elder Representative**

Sylvia Cloud introduced herself and said that she reads the Gazette and is happy to see people coming together. She congratulates the Town on that but states that she has some concerns. She came to the Town Board meeting because she feels that people must speak eye to eye. She told of her girlhood and how she has happy memories of the Island from that time; she talked about how Islanders helped the Ojibwe: "the Ojibwe did not have religious rights until 1978," but they had a lot of help from Islanders in conducting their ceremonies undisturbed and in sharing food. Her concern regards "all the digging & dredging." She was told by elders that there was a village—a main village—across from Big Bay Town Park. She asks if there is some other place for campsites?

Greg Nelson responds by giving the history of the current project.

Sylvia Cloud states that there are many burial sites on the Island as well, and that furthermore, there are Lakota burial sites as well. She asks that the Town use care in its digging.

Nick Nelson asks her if she is here tonight representing anyone besides herself.

She responds that she is here representing her great-great-grandfather how is buried right at the marina channel.

### **IV. Bad River Tribal Historic Preservation Representative**

Edith Leoso [Bad River Tribal Historical Preservation Officer] introduces herself and thanks Sylvia Cloud for her words. She thanks everyone for the help that was given during the Native American Graves Protection & Repatriation Act gathering held on the Island in late August. She said that seven bands attended, and that the people all loved the Island. She explained that the meeting was about repatriating Ojibwe remains—"bringing them home." She explained that there have been 640,000 human remains—identified as Native American—that need to be brought home and treated according to Ojibwe tradition. She ended by explaining the meaning of the Ojibwe word "Migwech." [Literal translation: it is enough.] It is the Ojibwe way to say thank you.

## **V. Public Works**

### **A. Roads**

1. Petition regarding Miller Farm and White Pine Roads: petition dropped per a notarized letter from Gary Krubsack received at Town Hall at 1:35 PM on September 25, 2012.

### **B. Parks**

### **C. Airport**

1. Airport Manager's Report & Checklist: placed on file by unanimous consent for the dates 8/26, 9/2, 9/9, and 9/16, 2012.

### **D. Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)**

1. MRF Supervisor's monthly report: placed on file by unanimous consent.

## **VI. Committees**

### **A. Zoning**

**B. CAPP**

**C. Local Food System**

1. Appointment of Member to a two year term: appointment of Marty Curry per the committee's recommendation to serve a two-year term ending on April 30, 2014. NN/LW 4A MC

**VII. Town Hall Administration**

A. Administrative Assistant's Report: placed on file by unanimous consent. The report stated that the La Pointe Community Clinic Building & the Emergency Services Building both need new roofs; this will be something to keep in mind at budget time.

B. LaPointe Post Office Proposed Changes of hours, staffing: Lois Carlson presented letters that she has written and stated that she has been in touch with Congressman Sean Duffy regarding the proposed reduced hours of service at the La Pointe Post Office. There will be a meeting on the Island [at the Madeline Island Public Library] on October 11, 2012, at 1:30 PM regarding this change. Town Administrator Pete Clark will write a resolution [requesting that the hours of postal service do not change] for adopting & signing at the October 9, 2012, Regular Town Board Meeting.

C. 2011 Budget Amendment #4: adopted & signed by motion: NN/JP 4A MC

D. 2012 Budget Amendment #1: adopted & signed by motion: JP/NN 4A MC

E. Management Discussion & Analysis DRAFT Report for year ending 12/31/2011: accepted by motion MP/NN 4A MC

**VIII. Vouchers:** approved in the amount of \$18,956.63 JP/LW 4A MC

**IX. Minutes**

A. Regular Town Board Meeting 09-11-2012: postponed till the Regular Town Board Meeting on 10/9/12.

**X. Emergency Services**

**A. Fire Department**

1. Fire Chief's Report: not available

**XI. Library**

**A. Library Board Minutes:** none at this time.

**XII. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

A. Resolution #2012-1009 Requesting No Change in Post Office Hours for the Town of La Pointe Post Office.

**XIII. Public Comment B\*\*** None

**XIV. Lawsuits & Legal Issues**

**XV. Liquor & Operators' Licenses**

**XVI. Adjournment** at 7:27 PM

Submitted by Patty Hobin, Town Clerk

Approved as submitted on 10/9/12

Patty Hobin, Town Clerk